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SUBJECT: ROMULO ON ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING

REF: A) KL 2697 B) SINGAPORE 2091

ACCORDING MANILA PRESS FOREIGN MINISTER ROMULO TOLD REPORTERS
ON HIS RETURN FROM KL MAY 18 THAT TIMING OF PROPOSED ASEAN
SUMMIT MEETING WOULD BE DECIDED BY ASEAN HEADS OF STATE, THUS
MAKING IT CLEAR TO PHILIPPINE PUBLIC THAT SUMMIT IS NOT IMMI-
NENT. ROMULO SAID HE AGREED WITH RAJARATNAM THAT HASTY SUMMIT
MIGHT CREATE IMPRESSION THAT ASEAN IS "GANDING UP" ON INDO-
CHINESE STATES. ROMULO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT LATTER HAD "NOT
YET" RESPONDED TO INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP. ROMULO SAID MAIN
TOPIC OF SUMMIT MIGHT BE DISCUSSION OF ZONE OF NEUTRALITY.
ASKED IF ZONE MIGHT REQUIRE SCRAPPING OF BASES, HE RE-
PLIED THAT HIS WOULD BE UP TO PRESIDENT MARCOS TO DECIDE.
(SAME PAPERS REPORTED SECDEF ENRILE REMARKS IN BACLOOD
CITY THAT UNDER PHILIPPINE MANAGEMENT, CLARK AND SUBIC
MIGHT BE CONVERTED TO PROFITABLE, DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED
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AIR TRANSPORT AND SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES RESPECTIVELY.)

ROMULO HAILED DRAFT TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION AS
MAIN ACHIEVEMENT OF KL CONFERENCE.

2. COMMENT: ROMULO REMARKS REPRESENT INEVITABLE RE-TREAT FROM PREVIOUS STATEMENTS IMPLYING THAT MARCOS PROPOSAL FOR SWIFT MEETING OF ALL ASIAN POWERS (NOT JUST ASEAN) TO DEAL WITH AFTERMATH OF INDOCHINA DEBACLE MIGHT MEET WITH FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM ASEAN MEMBERS.

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